

Arboretum Associates Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, October 10, 5:00 p.m.

Jack's Creek Conf. Room, Facilities Building

Present: Kris Roby; Sally Greene; Terry Gray; Kayla Casey, Paul Warnick; Jan Leander, and Joy Fisher

Absent: Bill Bowler, Paul Anders; Dave Tank

Jan moved to approve the minutes from 09/12/16 meeting and Kayla seconded. Motion passed.

Gazebo / Arboretum Initiative Update

Brian Johnson indicated that we still have not heard from the potential gazebo donor since they said they were looking into alternative construction costs. Money already given by the donor was used to pay for planning costs. Dan Ewart, V.P. of Infrastructure, indicated that he has no issues with designating the I-Tower hill as "arboretum reserve". That doesn't bring with it new signage or any formal presidential proclamation but they can update the campus illustrative plan to reflect this designation. Paul's concern is that if it is designated as part of the arboretum, then people will expect a significant improvement in the area which will require additional costs and maintenance.

2016 Plant Sale Review and Discussion of Date for 2017

There was discussion of having the sale on the same date as the native plant sale and the consensus was that it would not be a conflict to do that. It was agreed that we look into having the sale on May 20th. Jan will check with the fairgrounds to see if the building and tables are available.

Next Issue of "Arbor Notes"

Joy reported that we will not have an issue out by December. A January issue is a possibility if we can get articles. Possible topics would include Dave Tank's research, the concert, Science Saturdays, and the plant sale.

Date for Annual Meeting / Arboretum Art Show

Sally moved and Jan seconded to have the annual meeting on Wednesday, April 12. Motion passed.

Appointment of Board Member for vacant position

Cort Northrop & Nancy Sprague have submitted bios. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Sally that Nancy Sprague be offered the Board position and Cort Northrop be asked to co-chair the plant sale committee and invited to attend board meetings. Cort will work closely with Jan Leander on all aspects of the Plant Sale.

Arboreta update

Paul reported that Shattuck logging proved to be a tremendous success. Traps were put out and only 5 or 6 pine beetles were caught. A few more trees need to come down. There are five engineering students working on the capstone project with the pond. The new lawnmower is here and tours are currently being given of the arboretum.

Scavenger Hunt progress/updates

Bill and Dave were not in attendance so no update was provided.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for November 14th.